Supplementary materials “Fear, trust, and compliance with covid-19 measures: A study of the mediating effect of trust in government on the relationship between fear and compliance”

Descriptive statistics for the dependent variables:

**Compliance with anti-pandemic measures by item (5-point scale):**

**Complying with all measures and recommendations how to behave in the coronavirus and COVID-19 pandemic is not always easy. How much do the following statements capture your usual behavior?**

**1 It does not capture my behaviour at all**

**2 It does not capture my behaviour very well**

**3 It captures my behaviour halfway**

**4 It captures my behaviour rather well**

**5 It captures my behaviour completely**

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| **Item** | **Mean (SD)** | **Mean (SD)** |  |
|  | **Wave 1** | **Wave 2** |  |
| When I meet people I know well, we talk as usually. | 3.04 (1.174) | 3.67 (.031) |  |
| I wear a face mask when I go out. | 4.73 (.659) | 3.75 (.038) |  |
| I wash my hands whenever it is possible. | 4.56 (.77) | 4.24 (.028) |  |
| When good friends of mine invite me for a visit, I refuse the invitation. | 3.87 (1.21) | 2.84 (.037) |  |
| I avoid personal contact with family members with whom I do not share the household.  | 3.56 (1.27) | 2.51 (.036) |  |
| When I’m in a public space, I always keep a two-meter distance from other people. | 4.15 (.87) | 3.72 (.031) |  |
| I do not leave my home unless necessary.  | 4.02 (1.05)  | 2.99 (.04) |  |
| I wouldn’t cross the borders of the state. | 4.45 (.98) | 3.33 (.043) |  |

**Items measuring fear: (10-point scale):**

Fear was measured by three separate items focused on fear of health consequences, fear of personal economic consequences and fear of political consequences (scale 0-0). The question wording was as follows:

“The situation related to the coronavirus and COVID-19 pandemic invokes various feelings and emotions in people. To what extent do you feel the following feelings?”

0 – I don’t feel this at all

10 – I feel this strongly

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| **Item wording** | **Mean (SD)** | **Mean (SD)** |
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| **Items of fear of health consequences** |  |  |
|  *Fear for one’s own health* | 5.68 (0.288) | 5.12 (.089) |
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| **Item of fear of economic consequences** |  |  |
|  *Fear of deterioration of one’s own economic situation*  | 5.78 (0.289) | 5.96 (.084) |
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| **Item of fear of political consequences** |  |  |
| *Fear of lasting restrictions of rights and liberties* | 5.25 (0.319) | 6.36 (.091) |